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APPLICANT : BENKOVIC, STEPHEN J.
SERIAL NO : 10/071,468
FILED : February 8, 2002
TITLE : FLUORESCENT ASSAY FOR PROTEOLYSIS

Grp./A.U. : 1652
Examiner : SWOPE, Sheridan
Conf. No. : 9968
Docket No. : P05537US1

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First Named Inventor	BENKOVIC, Stephen J., et al.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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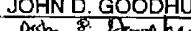
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AMENDMENT

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